

VOLUPTUA, SALACIA, APHRODISIA, DORK

(VOLUPTUA has just been informed that SALACIA has killed one of the earthmen)

SALACIA

He was useless. He admitted it. They can fly the spaceship without him. Now there's room for both of us, My Queen.

VOLUPTUA

Both of us? You think I would take you? After you disobey my orders? And constantly question my decisions? You've been doing that for -- centuries. No, you're not coming. I am taking Aphrodisia.

APHRODISIA

What?

SALACIA

Why her? I am the high priestess. We have worked together for eons.

VOLUPTUA

Yes. And you are getting old.

SALACIA

No, look. My wrinkles are going away. I just fed.

VOLUPTUA

Aphrodisia is the youngest of us. And her blood will help me gain control of the humans.

SALACIA

What?

APHRODISIA

What are you saying?

VOLUPTUA

You are of the royal blood line. You are crown princess of Mars.

SALACIA

What?!

VOLUPTUA

You are my daughter.

(DORK's head pops up behind the throne, reacting anxiously, but he keeps quiet)

SALACIA

I knew it! That's why you always favored her. So that's what you were up to that summer you vacationed at the south pole.

APHRODISIA

You are my mother?

VOLUPTUA
I thought it best to bear you in secret. Your life would have been in danger if it had been known.

APHRODISIA
From who?

VOLUPTUA
Salacia, for one.

SALACIA
My Queen?

VOLUPTUA
You have always coveted my crown, always questioned my decisions.

SALACIA
No, My Queen. I have always worshipped you. I would have helped you raise your daughter.

VOLUPTUA
What do you know about raising children?

SALACIA
As much as you, My Queen.

APHRODISIA
I have a mother?

DORK
Which I think makes me your father!

VOLUPTUA
Dork.

DORK
Does it? Does it, my Queen? I was your last breeder, before the others all died off --

VOLUPTUA
Dork, how dare you?

DORK
-- before you turned me into a feeder. She has to be my daughter.

VOLUPTUA
Dork, you've forgotten your place.

DORK
Is she my daughter? Is she?

(VOLUPTUA reluctantly nods)

APHRODISIA
I have a father?

DORK
I have a daughter?!